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PREFACE TO THE CHEAP EDITION.

I ISSUE this cheap edition in answer to what my publisher gives me to understand is a general demand, and I trust that in this new form it may reach a wider but not less sympathetic circle.

I have altered nothing, but added three new hymns, two of which have been set to music—"The Homeland" by Arthur Sullivan, and the "Christmas Hymn" by Henry Leslie. "Deliverance" was published some years ago, in "Good Words."

DEDICATION.

I DEDICATE these short Prayers to the Congregation worshipping in the Church of St. James, Westmoreland Street, Marylebone, in the years 1874-80, sincerely trusting that some families may find in them new communion, strength, and comfort.

HUGH REGINALD HAWEIS, M.A.

Prayer is the soul's sincere desire,
  Uttered or unexpressed;
The motion of a hidden fire
  That trembles in the breast.

MONTGOMERY.

A FEW REMARKS ON FORMS OF FAMILY PRAYER.

I AM constantly applied to by members of my congregation who are unable to find a suitable book of Family Prayers; yet if they go into any ecclesiastical bookseller's shop they will find his counter covered with manuals of devotion of every description, old and new.

The present Family Prayers may be neither better nor worse than many others that have conspicu-

ously failed in their object; but they are at all events called forth by direct request to meet the direct wants of many members of my own congregation: if they do this I shall be satisfied, if they fail I shall not be under the necessity of reprinting them.

The following remarks will at once explain my position and my purpose.

I have often noticed that each Christian Sect fastens on the one point which separates it from every other sect, and maintains *that* to be the *essential* of Christianity; so that, in forms of prayer especially, one bone of contention after another is thrust forward to the destruction

of any thing like a common ground of devotion. I have tried to avoid this. The idea occurred to me, "How would it be if we drew up prayers omitting these so-called 'essentials' which have destroyed Christian unity and killed Charity?"

Friendly circles are often found beneath the same roof agreeing in most things, with the exception of religion. Yet I should think most people who hold religious views in any kind of harmony with any sort of Christianity might join sincerely in the following prayers.

I have tried to avoid the common mistake of attempting to say everything in one prayer and thus dis-

tracting the mind with a variety of vague ideas. In each prayer a few definite thoughts are started; but there is no attempt at that systematic treatment which aims at being complete but usually ends in being merely dry and formal.

The form I have adopted is intentionally flexible to a degree.

The Prayer can be used with or without the Scripture passage at the beginning.

The Lord's Prayer can always be said by all assembled, should time permit, immediately after the Scripture passage; and one or more of the Church collects, selected and arranged at the end of the manual for that purpose, can be used after

the Lord's Prayer; or a Church collect or collects may be used without the Lord's Prayer, and so forth, according to circumstances.

Lastly, should there be any sentences which seem so searching as to be personal, we may remember that most Family Prayers labour under the opposite defect, nor ought any false delicacy to deter us from praying plainly concerning our personal failures and needs; it is better, even at the cost of some pride of feeling, to make our prayers as real as we can.

These prayers, I repeat, are written especially for my own congregation; should they travel beyond it I shall be thankful.

WATCHING, PRAYING, WAITING.

Watching, all through the weary night,
  In darkness lonely and forlorn ;
I hail the blessed morning light,—
  Thy love is brighter than the morn !

Praying, but tempted and cast down,
  Tried from without and from within ;
I fail, and fear to lose my crown,—
  Thy love is stronger than my sin !

Waiting to draw my dying breath,
  No arm to stay, no art to save ;
I shudder to belong to death,—
  Thy love is deeper than the grave !

O love ! so bright, so deep, so strong,
  When this brief span of life is o'er,
Teach me to sing the heavenly song
  And lead me to the shining shore !

H. R. HAWEIS.

SUNDAY MORNING.

Scripture Passage.

Read from St. John iv. 24.

GOD is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Prayer.

Let us pray.

O LORD, we desire to be filled this day with the spirit of prayer.

May we go into the house of prayer and find refreshment and peace. Grant that our hearts may be open to all purifying influences.

Make us teachable and receptive.

May we by our sincerity, by our earnestness, by our desire to hold communion with Thee, kindle the devotion of others.

Grant that some one prayer at least may be truly felt and truly prayed this day. Grant that some one resolution may be formed, some one lesson learnt, some one sin put away.

When we kneel with others, let us remember wherein we have wronged them.

Let us feel and learn how to be better fathers, mothers, sisters, brethren, friends, and associates, in the sight of Him who has set us to dwell together here, and has taught us that no man liveth to

himself, and no man dieth to himself.

May to-day be a day of rest and joy to this family; may they all be strengthened and cheered for the work of the coming week, and willing to forget the wrongs they have suffered, the vexations or disappointments which have come to them through others; and if they have wronged or disappointed any, may they be able and willing to remove the cause, so that all may keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace; and may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

MONDAY MORNING.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE.

Read from Ephesians iv. 29.

LET no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from

you, with all malice: and be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

PRAYER.

Let us pray.

O LORD, may we remember the good resolutions of yesterday. The trials of work are again before us. We desire to be honest and industrious, and to do with our might whatsoever our hand findeth to do.

Increase our energy and our fidelity.

May we have the will and the power to be steady and persevering.

May we be upright and pure this day in our professions.

May servants be faithful and just in all their dealings with their masters, may they work honestly and well; and may the masters be kind and considerate towards their servants; may both remember that they are brethren in Christ.

[May the children be patient and attentive at their tasks, and obedient to their parents and teachers,] and, O Lord, grant that not only now, but at any hour this day, when tried by our temper or evil thoughts, or when distressed and anxious, or in pain or any other trouble or adversity, we may be able to lift up our hearts unto Thee, and find new strength and comfort through

prayer; and may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

TUESDAY MORNING.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE.

Read from St. Matthew v. 1.

AND seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him: and he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they which do hunger

and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

PRAYER.

Let us pray.

O LORD God, our hearts are not clean in Thy sight; give us grace to feel our own weakness and to desire a better life.

Grant that we may not wait for a more convenient season, but begin at once to run the race that is set before us.

Let us watch our lips, that we

may not be deceitful; keep us from hasty and unwise words, from spiteful tempers and malicious thoughts.

Give us the comfort and joy of Thy Presence. If our sins have hidden Thee from us so that we have been disinclined and unfit to pray, restore us to a right mind and kindle once more in us the hunger and thirst after righteousness.

O Lord, lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Thou knowest the temptations which beset every one of us.

Some of us are restless and impatient at our work; give us a new motive and a new interest.

Others are selfish and without care or pity for those with whom they live; give them more kind-

ness, gentleness, and power of sympathy.

Others are sorrowful and desponding; give them courage and hope.

O Lord, make us a clean heart and renew a right spirit within us, a spirit of hopefulness, a spirit of watchfulness, a spirit of purity, a spirit of strength, a spirit of life-inspiring prayer; and may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Scripture Passage.

Read from St. John xv. 1.

I AM the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it

abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

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Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

PRAYER.

Let us pray.

O LORD God, give us grace to live this day as becomes the disciples of Jesus Christ.

He pleased not Himself, and may we not think first of how to please ourselves, but of how to do Thy holy will, and find our joy

in obeying the voice of conscience within us.

Whenever that voice speaks, give us the desire and the impulse to obey.

O Lord, the flesh is weak, but the spirit is willing.

May we learn to find our peace in controlling all unlawful desires, and may we receive with joy and gratitude those good things, those joys of mind and body, which Thou hast given us.

[May the children be diligent at their tasks, and obedient to those that are set over them.

Give their parents and teachers insight, that all may grow in grace, and day by day fit themselves for higher work and higher joy.]

Grant that we may bear one another's burdens this day. May we be patient with the fretful, tender and considerate to the afflicted, ready to forgive an injury, and slow to provoke anger.

Give us the spirit of wisdom as well as the grace of love, that we may make allowance for those whom we cannot understand and who cannot understand us, that so we may be the true followers of Christ, who loved those who never understood Him, and died for those who ignorantly crucified Him; and may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

THURSDAY MORNING.

Scripture Passage.

Read from 1 *Peter* i. 3.

BLESSED be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which, according to his abundant mercy, hath begotten us again unto a lively hope, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation,

ready to be revealed in the last time: wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season (if need be) ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations; that the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise, and honour, and glory, at the appearing of Jesus Christ: whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.

PRAYER.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, draw out our hearts after Thee, teach us how to pray. We need Thy protection, and strength, and comfort every day, bring us into such near communion with Thy Holy Spirit, that we may be able in the hour of temptation to resist the sin that so easily besets us.

Give us heavenly motives to encourage us; may we see our lives and actions in their true light, and labour for those qualities of patience and purity and of right endeavour

which belong to our everlasting peace.

If this day we are tempted to lie, put into our lips the word of truth, and give us strength to utter it.

If we are tempted to harshness and anger, give us the kind answer that turneth away wrath. Let us not be discouraged, but let us try again and again to master those tempers which bring trouble to ourselves and to those with whom we have to live.

If we are assailed by evil and impure thoughts, let us rouse ourselves to do more actively the work which we have to do, until our minds grow clear and pure again.

O Lord, make us all here the means of blessing others and

making them happy; may we cultivate their affection and comfort them in any pain, need, sickness, or sorrow that has fallen upon them; and when we feel that our efforts are feeble or fruitless, let us lift up our hearts at any moment in silent prayer, and learn the truth of that gracious promise: "As thy days so shall thy strength be."

Grant that these our prayers may not pass away without bringing forth the fruits of good living to the praise and honour of Thy Holy Name; and may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

FRIDAY MORNING.

Scripture Passage.

Read from Luke vi. 46.

WHY call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will show you to whom he is like: He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it; for

it was founded upon a rock. But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that, without a foundation, built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.

PRAYER.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, we desire to live this day without sin.

Renew and purify our hearts.

May we find our happiness not in those things of which we should be ashamed, but in honest and cheerful employment and in lawful pleasures.

Let each one of us live and work for some worthy end this day.

Give us the spirit of thoughtfulness for others; may we be willing to deny ourselves something if the denial checks what is evil in ourselves, or makes others happier or better.

Take from us our blind selfishness, which urges us to please ourselves at any cost; and may we at the end of this day feel joy in the thought that some evil thing has been resisted, some good work done, some kind word spoken, some one made happier or better by our forbearance, sympathy, or timely help.

O Lord, how often do we pass useless days! how often are our

tasks ill-done or wholly neglected! how often do our tempers get the better of us! how often do our tongues offend against peace, against purity, and injure others, and lay up in store misery for ourselves! how often do we in our difficulties, trials, and temptations forget to turn to Thee for help! May it not be so to-day.

Let us begin with some definite duty at once; let us do whatever work Thou hast given us in our several vocations thoroughly and cheerfully; let us guard our angry tempers, our jealous dispositions, our discontented or despondent thoughts, our rash tongue; and may we be able to seek and find that strength and comfort which

comes at any moment to those who raise their eyes to Thee for help in the time of need.

May we serve Thee as a family, remembering our duties to each other and trying to do them; and may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

SATURDAY MORNING.

Scripture Passage.

Read from Romans vii. 18.

FOR I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.

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I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. For I delight in the law of

God after the inward man: but I see another law in my members warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

PRAYER.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, we desire to control all our unlawful appetites, help us to bring our thoughts and feelings into harmony with what is pure and

lovely; give us health of mind as well as health of body; suffer us not to corrupt our hearts and to corrupt the hearts of those with whom we live. When opportunities of sin occur give us strong motives and impulses to resist the temptation; take away from us the cravings for unwholesome pleasures and help us to regulate our lives according to Thy holy will.

If any of us have tendencies against which we have struggled in vain, or against which we have not struggled at all, grant that we may begin or renew the battle before the evil has grown more firmly rooted within us. Let us neglect no outward means of help. Let us be careful to obey the laws of health,

careful to surround ourselves as far as possible with favourable companions and circumstances; anxious to seek for sympathy, assistance, and advice from those who are better and wiser than ourselves, and above all, let us not be weary in our prayers but bring our special petition and special trial again and again to the throne of grace, and find help in time of need. Let us resolve this day to make a new and better use of the public offices of religion to-morrow, and so dispose our hearts to worship and praise on the day of rest, that we may be able to answer in spirit, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord."

Grant, O Lord, that each one of us may remember that his body is the temple of the Holy Ghost; and may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of Thy Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

EVENING PRAYERS.

THE HOMELAND.

The Homeland! the Homeland!
  The land of the freeborn,
There's no night in the Homeland
  But aye the fadeless morn.

I'm sighing for the Homeland,
  My heart is aching here,
There's no pain in the Homeland,
  To which I'm drawing near.

My Lord is in the Homeland,
  With angels bright and fair,—
There's no sin in the Homeland,
  And no temptation there.

The voices of the Homeland
  Are ringing in my ears,
And when I think of the Homeland,
  My eyes gush out with tears.

For those I love in the Homeland
  Are calling me away,
To the rest and peace of the Homeland
  And the life beyond decay.

For there's no death in the Homeland,
  There's no sorrow above,
Christ, bring us all to the Homeland
  Of His eternal love!

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SUNDAY EVENING.

Scripture Passage.

Read from Psalm cxxi.

I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy feet to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: He shall preserve thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in, from this time forth, and even for evermore.

PRAYER.

Let us pray.

GRANT, O Lord, that the words we have this day heard with our outward ears, may be grafted inwardly in our hearts; may the public services we have engaged in not pass away without leaving a blessing behind them.

MONDAY EVENING.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE.

Read from 1 *Cor.* ix. 24-27.

KNOW ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.

And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown: but we an incorruptible.

I therefore so run, not as uncertainly: so fight I, not as one that

beateth the air. But I keep under my body and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means when I have preached to others I myself should be a castaway.

Let us pray.

GOD, at the end of another day, we desire to ask ourselves how we have lived in Thy sight.

Thou hast given us energies, how have we used them?

Have we been slothful in business, have we been careless and inattentive at our studies, or negligent or dishonest in our several vocations?

Thou hast surrounded us with

friends, companions and associates, how have we behaved towards them?

Have we lived selfishly, thinking only of our own pleasure and profit?

Have we at all consulted their feelings, have we made any allowance for their dispositions or circumstances, have we been willing to restrain our tongues for their sakes, to rule our tempers for their sakes, to suffer or to do anything for their sakes?

If not, we confess we have been unworthy disciples of Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent.

Grant that we may be conscious of our shortcomings and offences. Grant that we may be enlightened by Thy Holy Spirit.

May it breathe upon our dead souls and may they live.

May it arouse our sleeping consciences and open our eyes to see ourselves as Thou seest us.

Grant, O Lord, that we may all part in peace this night.

That we may lie down to rest forgiving and forgiven.

Together.

Help us, O Lord, in all our weakness, and deliver us from all sin and misery.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses. As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. *Amen.*

TUESDAY EVENING.

Scripture Passage.

Read from Ps. xxv. 1-5.

UNTO thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

O my God, I trust in thee, let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me.

Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause.

Shew me thy ways, O Lord, teach me thy paths.

Lead me in thy truth and teach

me, for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, we draw near unto Thee at the close of another day. Make us conscious of Thy Presence. May we in all times of prayer be able to realize communion, and receive strength and comfort from above.

We remember with shame the shortcomings and offences of the day past.

We desire now to recall the hasty or unkind words. We desire in Thy Presence to make amends to those whom we may have wounded, and to forgive those who have offended or injured us.

Turn our hearts away from evil brooding over our own wrongs or misfortunes. Change the temper and disposition of those who are ill-disposed towards us, and help us to avoid evil speaking and family discord.

Let not the sun go down upon our wrath—let kindly rest restore the perturbed feelings, and may we rise on the morrow sweet and pure in heart as the light of the morning.

O Lord, we are thankful for life and health; grant that all those who suffer may not be left without hope, —let us comfort them out of our abundance, and do Thou for them and for us exceeding abundantly above all that we can ask or think.

We commit ourselves, our souls

and bodies into Thine hands, as into the hands of a faithful Creator.

Together.

Keep us, we beseech Thee, this night in peace and safety. Help us to acknowledge our sins, to repent sincerely.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us, And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. *Amen.*

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE.

Read from Gal. v. 22-26.

BUT the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

Meekness, temperance; against such there is no law.

And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

Let us not be desirous of vain

glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace to-night to worship Thee in spirit and in truth. Let us confess our weakness if we have failed in duty, been slothful in business, careless and indifferent to the interests or feelings of others.

May our eyes be opened to see what we have done amiss this day, and may we resolve in our hearts to be more watchful and eager to amend our lives for the future, according to Thy Holy Word.

May we learn more and more to lend a willing ear to all those good

thoughts and feelings which come from above.

May we never rest in good feelings only, but strive earnestly to carry them out in our lives, ~~so that men may see our good works and glorify our Father which is in heaven.~~ And when we have done all, give us the humility to feel that we are unprofitable servants, having done only what it was our duty to do.

May we all be cheered and encouraged to persevere in well doing.

Draw us and our family and household nearer to Thee.

May we be knit together in Christian love, ready to help, ready to comfort, ready to bear each other's burdens—to rejoice with them that

do rejoice, and to weep with them that weep.

If any are suffering this night, teach them how to bear their pains.

May they lift up their hearts and find a ready help in time of trouble.

May we all be more and more sensible of the blessed influence of a spiritual world around us, in which we live and move, and have our being as spiritual beings ourselves.

May all peace be with us this night when we lie down, may our sleep be sweet, and when we rise up, compass us about with songs of deliverance.

Together.

Help us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, in all our prayers and medi-

tations, and cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses. As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. *Amen.*

THURSDAY EVENING.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE.

Read from Rom. viii. 18-21.

FOR I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us

For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.

For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope.

Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, help us to bear the burdens of each day more patiently.

Teach us to think less of ourselves and more of others.

Teach us to work as Christ worked, to love as Christ loved; and when called upon, to suffer as Christ suffered for others, and with others patiently and willingly.

O Lord, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done. We have not been

thoughtful, we have not been kind. We have forgotten to make allowances for the dispositions or the trials of others—we have indulged ourselves at their expense—we have wronged them by word and deed.

If we have offended in these things, give us grace to acknowledge our fault, and give others grace to forgive the injury.

How often this day have the good and evil struggled within us for mastery. How often has the evil prevailed.

We have hurried into temptation; we have listened to inclination and stifled conscience.

We have spoken unadvisedly with our lips, and our tongue has betrayed us.

If we have offended in these things, pardon and deliver us, and help us to strive more earnestly to amend our lives.

Before we lie down to rest this night, let all bitterness and hatred be put away.

We desire to purify ourselves even as He is pure.

We desire to know the peace which passeth all understanding, and to be kept free from the sin that doth so easily beset us.

Together.

Protect and guard us from evil, and incline our hearts to keep Thy Law.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses. As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. *Amen.*

FRIDAY EVENING.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE.

Read from Gal. iv. 6, 7.

AND because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

Wherefore thou art no more a servant but a son: and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, we beseech Thee to kindle our cold hearts with the spirit of fervent prayer.

Teach us how to place ourselves, our souls and bodies at the disposal of all healthy and holy influences.

At the close of this day we desire to purify our hearts, and to present them unto Thee as an acceptable offering.

If we have begun any wrong course of action, or fallen into any bad practice, may we have strength and resolution to reverse and abandon it to-morrow. May the evil seed sown never spring up, may the evil deed be blotted out, may the hasty word be atoned for and forgotten.

Guard with power the gates of the soul this night; let nothing enter in that defileth or maketh a lie.

Give us grace to be temperate and wise in all our enjoyments. May we protect our health as a precious treasure, and never barter it away for any transitory enjoyment. Make us more thoughtful and considerate for the health of all those near and dear to us, and those whom Thou hast placed under our protection.

May all blessings rest on this family: blessings of temperance, of honesty, of kindness, of love; and if there are any dear ones absent, let them not be divided from us in our prayer. And as our thoughts reach even unto them, so may these petitions rise to Thee for them and for us. And may we all be kept from the powers of evil, and gain a clearer perception of

spiritual aids that come forth from the Divine presence, charged with strength and sympathy, and the tender regard of ministering spirits.

Together.

Keep us, O Lord, in all our ways, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses. As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. *Amen.*

SATURDAY EVENING.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE.

Read from Rom. xii. 9-13.

LET love be without dissimulation.

Abhor that which is evil, cleave to that which is good.

Be kindly affectioned one to another in brotherly love; in honour preferring one another.

Not slothful in business: fervent in spirit: serving the Lord:

Rejoicing in hope: patient in tribulation, continuing instant in prayer.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, make us grateful for all the blessings of the past week.

May each one of us be able to say we thank Thee for our creation, preservation and all the blessings of this life.

If some have suffered pain or loss, if some have been weary with depression, may they be able to open their hearts to those gracious influences which come from above, and if they cannot now feel them, may they wait patiently until the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.

Grant that at the end of each week we may be able to look back

with satisfaction upon something attempted or something done.

May we improve in industry, steadiness and application.

May we value the precious years of youth and health and vigour, and not waste them in idleness, wantonness or any sinful indulgence.

We desire to examine ourselves and to note our failures, in temper, in honesty, in purity, in kindliness during the past week, and we pray that on the day of rest and worship we may be able to gather up all our sins and weaknesses, all our good resolves, our desires for a better life and bring them to the throne of grace, and there in the midst of Thy people, our brethren

against whom we have sinned and who have sinned against us, may we acknowledge our faults and receive a renewal of strength and spiritual energy and the grace that shall be sufficient for us.

Together.

Help us, O Lord, to feel in our hearts the prayers we say with our lips, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses. As we forgive them that trespass

against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. *Amen.*

DELIVERANCE.

As some poor captive bird too weak to fly,
Still lingers in its open cage, so I
My slavery own.
For evil makes a prison house within;
The gloom of sin, and sorrow born of sin,
Doth weigh me down.
Ah Christ! and wilt Thou not regard my sighs,
Long wakeful hours and lonely miseries,
And hopes forlorn?
Let not my fainting soul be thus subdued,
Nor leave Thy child in darkened solitude,
All night to mourn!

He hears my prayer! The dreary night is done,
I feel the soft air and the blessed sun,
With heavenly beams.
He comes—my Lord! in raiment glistening white,
From pastures golden in the morning light
And crystal streams.
O let me come to Thee! from this dark place,
And see my gentle Shepherd face to face,
And hear His voice.
So shall these bitter tears no longer flow,
And Thou shalt teach my secret heart to know
Thy sacred joys!

H. R. HAWEIS.

COLLECTS

THAT MAY BE USED BEFORE THE

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FOR EVERY DAY OF THE WEEK.

CHRISTMAS HYMN.

Arise, arise, the morning bells
  Ring out the hymn of gladness:
Raise high the songs of paradise
  And cease the songs of sadness,
    For Christ the way, and Christ the truth,
    And Christ the life is born to-day.

Farewell, farewell the night of sin,
  Farewell the sleep of sorrow;
He who was with us in the past
  Shall be with us to-morrow.
    For Christ the way, etc.

Roll on, roll on, the tide of praise,
  Faint hearts break out in singing;
Lift up your heads, rejoice, rejoice,
  These Christmas bells are ringing.
    For Christ the way, etc.

H. R. HAWEIS.

COLLECTS.

SUNDAY.

LORD, we beseech Thee to keep Thy Church and household continually in Thy true religion; that they who do lean only upon the hope of Thy heavenly grace may evermore be defended by Thy mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LMIGHTY and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth; Mercifully hear the supplications of Thy

people, and grant us Thy peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before Thee for all estates of men in Thy holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve Thee; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

KEEP, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy Church with Thy perpetual mercy: and, because the

frailty of man without Thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by Thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

MONDAY.

O LORD, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth; Send Thy Holy Ghost, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before Thee: Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

LORD of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things; Graft in our

hearts the love of Thy name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that Thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent; Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD, from whom all good things do come; Grant to us Thy humble servants, that by Thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be good, and by Thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

TUESDAY.

LORD, who never failest to help and govern them whom Thou dost bring up in Thy steadfast fear and love; Keep us, we beseech Thee, under the protection of Thy good providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of Thy Holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, of Thy bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech Thee,

from all things that may hurt us; that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that Thou wouldest have done; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; Grant unto Thy people, that they may love the thing which Thou commandest, and desire that which Thou dost promise, that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, the strength of all them that put their trust in Thee, mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without Thee, grant us the help of Thy grace, that in keeping of Thy commandments we may serve Thee both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

WEDNESDAY.

GRANT to us, Lord, we beseech Thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as be rightful; that we, who cannot do any thing that is good without Thee, may by Thee be enabled to live according to Thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth; We humbly beseech Thee to put away from us

all hurtful things, and to give us those things which be profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire, or deserve; Pour down upon us the abundance of Thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and that we may obtain that which Thou dost promise, make us to love that which Thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THURSDAY.

LORD, we beseech Thee, grant Thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow Thee the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT, we beseech Thee, merciful Lord, to Thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve Thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD, we beseech Thee, absolve Thy people from their offences; that through Thy bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins, which by our frailty we have committed: Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves; Keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FRIDAY.

PREVENT us, O Lord, in all our doings with Thy most gracious favour, and further us with Thy continual help; that in all works begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy holy Name, and finally by Thy mercy obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

WE beseech Thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon Thy people; that by Thy great goodness they may be governed and

preserved evermore, both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD, we beseech Thee mercifully to receive the prayers of Thy people which call upon Thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth Thy right hand to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SATURDAY.

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking; We beseech Thee to have compassion upon our infirmities; and those things, which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us, for the worthiness of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LORD, we pray Thee that Thy grace may always prevent and follow us, and make us con-

tinually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, our refuge and strength, who art the author of all godliness; Be ready, we beseech Thee, to hear the devout prayers of Thy Church; and grant that those things which we ask faithfully we may obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of Thy grace may mercifully be relieved; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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Short Passages from the Bible and the Apocrypha which may be used at discretion instead of the portions of Scripture printed before the Prayer.

OLD TESTAMENT.

Isaiah xxvi. 1–4, or 3–9.
xliii. 1–3.
lv. 6–11, or 13.
Isaiah lvii. 15, 16, or 21.
lxiii. 7–9.

NEW TESTAMENT.

Matt. v. 13–16.
xii. 46–50.
Mark xii. 41–44.
Luke x. 30–37.
xi. 5–10, or 13.
xii. 22–28, or 32.
xv. 11–32.
xviii. 15–17.
John xii. 23–28.
xv. 1–8.
xv. 9–17.
Rom. viii. 14–18.
viii. 26–28.
viii. 31–34.
xi. 33, or chap. 12, ver. 2.
xii. 3–8.
xii. 17–21.
xiii. 8–10.
1 *Cor.* ii. 9, 10.
xiii.
2 *Cor.* i. 3–5.
Gal. vi. 7–9 or 10.
Eph. iii. 13–21.
iv. 1–6.
iv. 25–32.
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Phil. ii. 1–11.
iii. 7–14.
iv. 4–8.
Col. iii. 1–4.
iii. 12–17.
v. 15–24.
Heb. iv. 14–16.
James i. 2–8.
i. 16, 17.
i. 22–27.
1 *Pet.* iii. 8–12.

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1 Pet. v. 5–11.
2 Pet. i. 5–8.
1 John i. 5–10.
ii. 3–6.
iii. 1–3.
1 John iv. 7–13, or 16.
Rev. vii. 13–17.
xxi. 1–7.
xxii. 1–4.

APOCRYPHA.

Wisdom of Solomon iii. 1–4.
v. 7–15.
ix. 14–18.
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